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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during a teleconference on August 25, 2005.

During the teleconference, Applicant discussed the allowance of claims 25-34 and 42-51 and the outstanding issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 for claims 1 and 2. No agreement was reached on the issues. Applicant advised the Examiner that a divisional application would be filed on claims 1-24 and 35-41 to avoid delaying the allowance of claims 25-34 and 42-51.

I. Introduction

Claims 25, 26, 28-34, 42, 43 and 45-51 are pending in the above application.

Claims 25, 26, 28-34, 42, 43 and 45-51 have been indicated as being allowed.

II. Amendments

Claim 42 has been amended to correct a grammatical informality.

No new matter has been added.

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III. Conclusion

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

Date: 8/29/05

Respectfully submitted,

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